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[SUMMARY]

[OBJECT]

To provide a method of forming an image using a photothermographic material that provides stable output images with little difference in color tone even in a thermal developing apparatus with high line speed at the time of thermal development.

[MEANS FOR SOLUTION]

An image forming method using a photothermographic material comprising, on a surface of a support, a photosensitive silver halide, a non-photosensitive organic silver salt, a thermal developer and a binder, wherein the photothermographic material has a gamma value of 2.0 to 4.0 at an optical density of 1.2 in a photographic characteristic curve and is thermally developed while conveyed at a speed of not less than 23 mm/sec.

[SELECTED FIGURE]

Fig. 1